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DEVELOP FERROUS, BAUXITE MINING

MINING OPERATIONS BEING EXPANDED -- Sarajevo, Oslobodjenje, 1 Apr 51

Vares, 31 March -- Work is being completed in Vares on a project to expand mining in Yugoslavia. Three iron mines, in Smreka, Droskovac, and Brezik, will be opened, and within 3 years are expected to produce 1,700,000 tons yearly. A small part of the ore will satisfy the needs of the ironworks in Vares, and the remainder will go to the blast furnaces now being built in Zenica.

Mining and transportation of the ore will be mechanized. A 19-kilometerlong, standard-gauge railroad now being built from Breza to Vares will have 20 tunnels through the rocky mountains and a 42-meter-high viaduct. An electric assembly and transformer station is also being built. Waste material will be carried by cableway to nearby low areas.

A loading station in Droskovac will cost about 120 million dinars. The present road through Vares will be relocated to provide more space for industrial installations. The creek running along the road will be filled in and a canal built instead.

Prospecting toward the opening of other areas is in progress.

BAUXITE TO BE MINED -- Koper, Istraki Tednik, 18 Mar 51

Five rich bauxitc-ore deposits were found recently near the villages of Zakinj and Seget. Bauxite mining in these areas will begin in April 1951.

Recently, bauxite ore was discovered in Buj Srez near the villages of Lovrecica and Marusici. Chemical analysis has shown that the ore is of good quality. The "Boxit" (Bauxite) Srez Enterprise, which was established recently, will continue prospecting for bauxite in that area.

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